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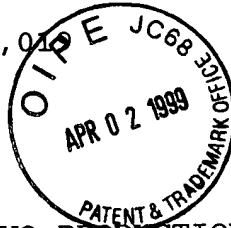
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Johnson et al.

Application No.: 08/458,019

Group Art Unit: 1651

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For: PROCESSES FOR IN VIVO PRODUCTION OF
ASTAXANTHIN AND PHAFFIA RHODOZYMA
YEAST OF ENHANCED ASTAXANTHIN CONTENT

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.131

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, the undersigned co-inventors, do hereby declare and state:

1. We are co-inventors of claims 25-34 currently pending in U.S. Ser. No. 08/458,109 and of the subject matter described therein.

2. Prior to 15 April 1988, the invention embodied in claims 25-34 of U.S. Ser. No. 08/458,019 was reduced to practice in the United States.

3. Prior to 15 April 1988, practicing the methods provided

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in the above-captioned application, numerous strains of *Phaffia* which overproduced astaxanthin at levels above that found in wild type *Phaffia* were obtained, thereby attesting to the reproducibility of the methods and teachings described in the above-captioned application.

4. Thus, wild type or astaxanthin-overproducing strains of *Phaffia* were treated as taught in the above-captioned application to obtain strains producing higher and higher levels of astaxanthin.

5. The initial screenings of the strains often were visual because the feature of interest is a pigment which is manifest as culture color.

6. Prior to 15 April 1988, numerous strains were prepared, propagated as provided in the above-captioned application and then the amount of astaxanthin produced by each strain was determined as provided in the above-captioned application.

7. Attached hereto are copies of pages from laboratory notebooks depicting representative experiments demonstrating the reduction to practice of the invention as claimed.

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- a. Exhibit A is a copy of a page from a Kwok Ho laboratory notebook setting forth the results of astaxanthin content in *Phaffia* exposed to variety of treatments in shake flask cultures. The right-most column of figures --747, 865 and so on-- relate to astaxanthin content in micrograms per gram. All of the cultures contained astaxanthin at a concentration of more than 700 micrograms per gram.
- b. Exhibit B is a copy of a page from a laboratory notebook of Beril Geldiay-Tuncer setting forth the results of astaxanthin content in *Phaffia* astaxanthin mutants. Ant 1-4 is a deposited strain. As provided in the record, Ant 1-4 is identified as IGI887J2 in the application; K20 is identified as IGI887J1 in the application; and Ant 1-460 is identified as IGI2880B60 in the application. Numerous strains produced astaxanthin at a concentration of more than 700 micrograms per gram.
- c. Exhibit C is a copy of a page from a laboratory notebook of Beril Geldiay-Tuncer setting

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forth the results of astaxanthin content in Phaffia astaxanthin mutants. Ant 1-460 is identified as IGI2880B60 in the above-captioned application. Numerous strains produced astaxanthin at a concentration of more than 700 micrograms per gram.

d. Exhibit D is a copy of a page from a laboratory notebook of Beril Geldiay-Tuncer setting forth the results of astaxanthin content in Phaffia astaxanthin mutants. Ant 1-4 is a deposited strain. Ant 1-4 is identified as IGI887J2 in the application; K20 is identified as IGI887J1 in the application and Ant 1-460 is identified as IGI2880B60 in the application.

8. The dates redacted from the attached copies of laboratory notebook pages relating to testing various Phaffia strains for astaxanthin content are prior to 15 April 1988.

9. All of the activities described therein occurred in the United States.

10. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information

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and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the instant application or any patent issuing therefrom.

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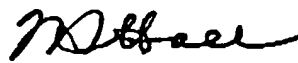
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Phaffia Slack Stock (5)

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Purpose: Precursor & screen #2

Method: Cell broth is from PHA125 (200L), age 49 hrs, 2.5mls were added to each flask,

Slack (2.5ml vol) (1.25ml added to each flask)

	Dry wt.	T.I. (g/l)
1. soy oil 0.5ml	39.3	747
2. soy oil 0.2ml	32.7	863
3. DL methionine (1%) 0.05p	26.7	1138
4. DL methionine (0.05%) 0.02p	27.4	1113
5. Ac acetate (0.05%) 0.02p	27.77	1201
6. Ac acetate (0.4%) 0.025p	28.9	1052
7. Na propionate (0.05%) 0.02p	24.9	1115
8. Na propionate (0.4%) 0.025p	23.1	876
9. Safflower oil 0.3ml	34.6	913
10. peanut oil 0.3ml	33.3	846
11. leucine (2%) 0.05p	27.4	1000
12. leucine (0.05%) 0.02p	27.2	1143
13. Vitamin B12 0.05ml	27.3	1154
14. control	25.9	1158

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Purpose: Comparison of astaxanthin titers within mutants K-20, and 1-4, BK2, ~~28~~ and Ant 1-428, and Ant 1-460 in YH broth.

<u>Results:</u>	<u>I.D.</u>	<u>Pan#</u>	<u>Panug.</u>	<u>Pan+cells</u>	<u>0.5ml</u>	<u>A_{495nm}</u>	<u>astaxanthin (μg)</u>	<u>ASTAXANTHIN (μg/g)</u>
1- K-20						0.560	10	952
2- K-20						0.596	10	978
1- BK2						0.537	10	1081
2- BK2						0.573	10	1035
1- Ant 1-418						0.477	10	770
2- ant 1-428						0.441	10	870
1- ant 1-460						0.737	11	1608
2- ant 1-460						0.801	11	1678
1- ant 1-4						0.417	10	661
2- ant 1-4						0.425	10	670
Ant 1-424						0.470	10	777
ant 1-429						0.446	10	624
ant 1-439						0.457	10	680
ant 1-433						0.463	10	648

As seen above ant 1-460 is still pretty high. Astaxanthin culture of this brewer mutant will be prepared for the fermentation department

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Screening

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Purpose: Screening of some of the selected mutant colonies of Ant 1-460 (NTG mutagenesis) in YH.

Incubation period 5 days.

Results: ml pet ether used for all the below was 20ml.

<u>I.D.</u>	<u>Pan #</u>	<u>Pan (yp)</u>	<u>Pan + cell</u>	<u>g/salt brk</u>	<u>Ames (2)</u>	<u>Astma</u>
Ant 1-460 (variant)	36	0.99609	1.02366	.027	0.338	1192
Ant 1-4601	30	0.99679	1.02822	.031	0.357	1096
Ant 1-4602	40	0.99640	1.02643	.03	0.344	1092
Ant 1-4604	33	0.99272	1.02488	.032	0.402	1196
Ant 1-4605	35	0.99151	1.02348	.031	0.380	1167
Ant 1-4606	38	1.00155	1.03178	.031	0.353	1096
Ant 1-4607	21	1.00558	1.03760	.032	0.366	1077
Ant 1-4608	37	1.79737	1.02785	.030	0.421	1336
Ant 1-4609	39	0.99705	1.02759	.03	0.408	1295
Ant 1-46000	31	1.00324	1.03239	.034	0.353	974
Ant 1-46011	34	0.99660	1.02753	.03	0.345	1085

Ant 1-4608 and Ant 1-4609 looks promising
Check these back again.

Cleanliness of the strains here was tested
by plating some on to YH weights before extruding
of the 5 day old cultures.

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Pigment formation w/ respect to time Book No.

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Purpose: To observe how and when the pigment astaxanthin is produced and does it decrease with time after it is added. This has been a question because of variances we have been getting with 3 day old culture and 5 to 6 day old cultures, astaxanthin quantities.

Method: Inoculum: Frozen Aqueous Stock of BK2, Ant1-4, K-10, and 1-460

Medium: YM in 500ml baffled flasks w/ 60ml volume.
10ml (5 for dry wt, 5 for astaxanthin)
Take samples on 1st, 5th and 7th day for quantification.

Results:

TIME → I.D. ↓	48 hr. concentration ↓	72 hr. concentration ↓	144 hr. concentration (ug/l) ↓
BK2	623.91	850	1090
K-20	635.80	914.9	1017
Ant 1-4	496.7	499	610
Ant 1-460	658.10	809.5	1509

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